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1. **Turnov, northern Bohemia** **OKULA factory, Ulice 5. Kvetna,**
instruments. **The factory produces optical**
2. **"This factory employs about 25 persons. It is divided into four departments:**
 - a. **Administration and technical cost accounting section**
 - b. **Technical workshops (for lens grinding)**
 - c. **Assembling section**
 - d. **Raw materials and storage section**
3. **"The factory grinds lenses and also produces spectacle frames from cellulose, plexiglass and sprayed cellulose. The daily production quota is 600 spectacle frames of cellulose, 200 of plexiglass and 1000 of sprayed cellulose.** 50X1-HUM
 - a. **Ten percent are sold on the home market. The production cost of one frame is 70 Kc. Its export price is 130 Kc. The same frame is sold on the home market for 400 Kc.** 50X1-HUM
 - b. **Sixty percent of the plexiglass frames are exported to Western countries and 40% reserved for the home market.**
 - c. **The sprayed cellulose frames are produced for the home market exclusively. They sell for 72 Kc each. They are of very poor quality and not suitable for export.**
4. **"The export contracts referred to above expired at the end of 1951. Appropriate preparations were already being made in Oct 51 to convert to military production by the beginning of 1952.**
5. **"The factory also produces three types of optical machines for grinding lenses:**
 - a. **Machines for rough grinding - two per month. Cost about 60,000 Kc each.**
 - b. **Machines for fine grinding and the grinding of edges - four produced per month. Cost about 35,000 Kc each.**
 - c. **Machines for polishing lenses - six or seven produced per month. Cost about 28,000 Kc each.**

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6. "The lens polishing is done with a special paste, called 'Rolt', which is supplied by the central OKULA plant in Prague. The main ingredients of this paste are petrol, chalk and plaster. 50X1-HUM
7. "These optical machines are delivered exclusively to other optical and fine machine plants, located in Prague-Letna, Strossmayer-Ovo-Namesti, Prague-Michle, Budejovice, Moravska Trebova, Rumburk, Prerov, Uhersky Brod, and Nyrsko (near Plzen) where the largest OKULA plant in Czechoslovakia is located."

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